

the votes shall be "Against Prohibition," said amendment shall be lost, and so declared.

All the provisions of the General Election Laws as amended and in force at the time of said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the methods of holding such election, and all other respects, so far as such election laws can be made applicable.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation and election.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 1 passed the House of Representatives by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, yeas 121, nays 1; and passed the Senate with amendments by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, yeas 22, nays 1; the House concurred in the Senate amendments by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, yeas 117, nays 0.]

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#### PROVIDING FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE WITHOUT REGARD TO SEX.

S. J. R. No. 7.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing to amend Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas so that it shall hereafter, in substance, provide that every person, male or female, subject to no constitutional disqualifications who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall reside in this State one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; providing electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; declaring that the electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; providing that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she shall offer to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing that poll tax has been paid before the first day of February next preceding such election; declaring that if said voter shall have lost or misplaced such tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote upon making an affidavit that such tax receipt has been lost which affidavit must be in writing and left with the judge of the election. And declaring that all laws now on the Statutes relating to qualified voters and governing and regulating elections shall apply to male and female voters alike; and all laws relating to elections shall remain in full force and effect until changed or modified by the Legislature, and declaring that this amendment, to the Constitution shall be self-enacting.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 2, of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so that hereafter said section shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 2. Every person, male or female, subject to none of the fore-

going disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years and who shall be a citizen of the United States and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and provided further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she offers to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing such poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. All laws now on the statutes of this State regulating and relating to qualified voters in both primary and general elections shall apply to and govern and regulate both male and female voters, and shall be in effect until such statutes are changed or amended by the Legislature. And this amendment to the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further Legislation.

SEC. 3. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors, for members of the Legislature, at an election to be held for such purpose on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, the same being the twenty-fourth day of said month; at said election, the votes shall be placed on an official ballot which shall have printed, or written, thereon the words "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters." And, also, the words "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters." All voters favoring this proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and those opposing it shall erase the words "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters." Which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with a pencil, or pen, through said words. All ballots cast, as above provided, shall be counted as cast for or against a proposed amendment, and if a majority shall be for the amendment, it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment, said amendment shall be lost. All provisions of the general election laws, as amended and enforced at the time said election is held, shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding such elections, and in all other respects so far as such election laws can be made applicable.

SEC. 4. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and have same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

SEC. 5. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much

thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 7 passed the Senate by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, yeas 28, nays 0; and passed the House of Representatives by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, yeas 105, nays 0.]

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PROVIDING THAT THE STATE MAY LEND ITS CREDIT TO  
HEADS OF FAMILIES TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE  
THEIR HOMES.

H. J. R. No. 19.]      HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Section 50, Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes; authorizing the State to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to create such agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Section; providing that obligations created under this Section shall never be taxed; and providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted thereunder, and providing for the classification of lands acquired under this Act and limiting acreage sold to any one person where lands are classed as agricultural.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 50 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Section 50. The Legislature shall have no power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the state in aid of or to any person, association, or corporation, whether municipal or other, or to pledge the credit of the State in any manner whatsoever, for the payment of the liabilities, present or prospective, of any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation, whatsoever, except that the Legislature shall have the power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting native born or naturalized citizens who are heads of families and who will become in good faith actual occupants, to acquire or improve their homes; and for this purpose the state is authorized to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon such terms and conditions and in such manner and subject to such limitations as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe. Provided that no land shall